

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 768 without my signature.

SB 768, which would impose technology regulations on RFID-enabled ID cards and public documents, is premature. The federal government, under the REAL ID Act, has not yet released new technology standards to improve the security of government ID cards. SB 768 may impose requirements in California that would contradict the federal mandates soon to be issued.

In addition, this bill may inhibit various state agencies from procuring technology that could enhance and streamline operations, reduce expenses and improve customer service to the public and may unnecessarily restrict state agencies. In addition, I am concerned that the bill's provisions are overbroad and may unduly burden the numerous beneficial new applications of contactless technology.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger